

Clandestine Services Review

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1. What is the President's attitude toward the Agency?
2. Is there any hope of a reprieve in the sentencing of the Clandestine Services to the new building? If not, are Clandestine Services employees who have maintained a reasonable degree of cover now expected to admit Agency employment? How should this be handled in families with children?

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3. Is there any progress on the plan to create a [REDACTED] for unique DD/P needs?
4. It is probably too soon to know, but can you express an opinion whether the Director will become involved in running operations or will he give full attention to administering the Agency since he is reputed to be an administrator?
5. What changes is the Director planning to make in organization, policy, and senior-level staffing?
6. For many years I have heard that consideration was being given to making the SR Division a Staff--yet I have never seen anything in writing. Unless this is just a rumor (though a persistent one) would you please comment?
7. We have heard much in the last week of committees. Granted the need for coordination does it seem to you that we are being "committeed" to death. The ratio of personnel directly engaged in operations to those in coordination and support appears to be dropping. Would you comment on its effect on the Clandestine Services.

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8. There are rumors that the Clandestine Services will be separated from the Intelligence side. Can you tell us if such action is really being considered?
9. What has been done to curb irresponsible reporting concerning the security of the U. S.? Newspapers, magazines, and trade publications make reference to U. S. troop movements, the activation or deactivation of military installations, location of missile sites, aircraft design and capabilities, etc., thus facilitating the Soviet espionage effort while the U. S. spends millions of dollars and uses many people trying to find out about the intentions and capabilities of the Soviets.
10. Press stories appear to show considerable knowledge of Agency activities. How does the press acquire such information, and what measures are being taken to stop leaks?
11. In your opinion what are the major legitimate complaints by intelligence consumers of the Clandestine Services efforts?

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13. Over the past few years, responsibilities of the field case officer have increased with a corresponding increase in workload. At the same time, there has been a decrease in the actual authority which the case officer may exercise with the corresponding requirement of greater coordination with various components of DD/P. In short, the case officer has become an errand boy and operations coordinator.

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(13) a) What is the numerical ratio between case officers and staff, support, logistics, finance, personnel and general intelligence officers in DD/P?

b) Would it not be more efficient and productive to add junior case officers to supplement the efforts of senior case officers and also thereby provide a continuing future supply of senior case officers?

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operations. Can the Clandestine Services afford such an expansion, or will activity be reduced?

15. What effect will the DIA and the apparent increased authority of State have on the covert activity of the Agency?

16. What is the Agency's relationship with the Department of State on covert operations Will the new State Department appointees, Messrs. Rostow, Ball, et al, change this relationship?

17. Speakers have stated that State is campaigning against CIA. Would any of the following be contributory factors?

a) CIA representatives in the field not recognizing that the ambassador is the number one man in the country.

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b) [REDACTED]

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c) Alleged misuse of [REDACTED]

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18. Have the recent services of the Department of Defense in the Dominican situation, the results of the Cuban affair, and the Attorney General's close relationship with the President given him any ideas of removing Latin American activities from the Agency and giving them back to the FBI?

19. What is being done for operations personnel who have been captured and interned in opposition countries? 

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20. Aside from harrassment activities, has the Administration decided on, and is the Agency engaged in planning, rumored action to unseat Castro within an established time table?

21. Based on professional intelligence estimates what are the betting odds for or against a nuclear war in the foreseeable future?

22. There are six geographic divisions in DD/P in addition to SR Division. What percentage of the effort of these six divisions is directly involved in acquiring positive intelligence on the USSR? What percentage of effort is devoted to defeating Soviet inspired revolutionary activity as contrasted with locally inspired activity?

23. Is the decline of China's economy slowing down her nuclear research? Are there any estimates as to when she will have the bomb?

24. What is the main emphasis of Soviet covert action as compared with ours?

25. What covert action of the Soviets or of the USA would most likely change the cold war to a hot war?

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27. One speaker in the CSR has described the extent of the Soviet campaign to discredit the Agency and Mr. Dulles. Another has spoken of the coincidental State Department effort to reduce the authority and prestige of the Agency. Is the fact that the Soviet campaign is being inadvertently assisted by State clear to the higher levels of the U. S. Government?

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30. What is your view on the interchange of assignments among DDP, DDI and DDS?
21. How effective is career service planning in the Clandestine Services?
32. What is the status of proposed legislation for 20 years retirement on full annuity (similar to the FBI)?
33. What is the Clandestine Services position on its members retaining military reserve status? What would be the Clandestine Services reaction in the event a valuable employee is recalled to active duty? Is there any indication the DIA may use this device for filling its T. O.?

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34. In some countries at least, U. S. admission of the espionage role of the U-2 seriously hurt the prestige of the Agency and the U. S. Government.

How was this decision arrived at? In retrospect, was it a sound decision?

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36. What will be the effects on the more traditional forms of FI Operations of the increased emphasis on technical collection (ELINT, etc.) against many targets in the USSR?
37. On the basis of CIA's failures and successes against communism to date, the growing use of automation in management, and the trend toward technical collection devices, would you please project and describe for us a picture of CIA in 1971?
38. As part of this projection, and as a result of some 14-years of experience with our present employees, would you comment on the type or types of career employees the agency will seek or need in 1971?

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